

TEXT OF CLAIMS CURRENTLY UNDER EXAMINATION:

1. (Currently amended) A method for storing adhesive compositions ~~comprising~~consisting essentially of:

(a) dispensing an uncured adhesive into a container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material having (i) a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 0.762 mm and a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa, or (ii) a thickness of 0.0254 to 1.524 mm, ~~and are~~ roughened to have a mean roughness value (R_a) of greater than 0.3 μm , and ~~having~~ a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa.

(b) freezing the adhesive within the container, and

(c) storing the adhesive while frozen.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 in which the thermoplastic material is injection moldable.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2 in which the thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene-octene copolymer, ethylene-hexene copolymer, ethylene-butene copolymer, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene copolymer, and polypropylene random copolymer.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.

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7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 or claim 10 in which the walls of the container are roughened by: adding contours to the interior walls of the container during fabrication, mechanical abrasion, plasma etching, chemical etching, or corona discharge.

8. (Withdrawn) A container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material and

(i) have a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 0.762 mm or

(ii) have a thickness of 0.0254 to 1.524 mm and are roughened to have a mean roughness value of greater than 0.3 μm .

9. (Withdrawn) The container according to claim 8 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.

10. (Currently amended) A method for storing adhesive compositions ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

(a) dispensing an uncured adhesive into a container in which the walls of the container are a thermoplastic material having a thickness of 0.0254 mm to 1.524 mm, ~~and are~~ roughened to have a mean roughness value (R_a) of greater than 0.3 μm , and ~~having~~ a flexural modulus of less than or equal to 1240 MPa

(b) freezing the adhesive within the container, and

(d) storing the adhesive while frozen.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10 in which the thermoplastic material is injection moldable.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 11 in which the thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene-octene copolymer, ethylene-hexene copolymer, ethylene-butene copolymer, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene copolymer, and polypropylene random copolymer.

13. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10 in which the container is a syringe or a syringe within a rigid sleeve.